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To all and singular Iustices of Peace, Maiors,
Sheriffes, Bailiffes, and other her Maiesties
Officers, &c.



Whereas her Maiestie hath bene credibly informed, that notwithstanding there is great plenty of woolls within this Realme, whereby the same ought to be solde at conuenient and reasonable prices, and neuertheless by the greedy desires of the great woollgrowers, who keepe the same in their hands contrary to the Statute made in the fift yeere of the Raigne of king Edward the sixt, and by the corrupt practises of diuers Broggers, Ingrossers, woollgatherers and Regraters of woolls, buying and selling great quantities of wooll vnbrought, contrary to the saide Statute, And after by the meanes of these Broggers the woolls are conueyed to the Sea coasts, and from thence conueied out of this Realme, whereby many the Clothiers of this Realme want woolls to set themselves, & such as depend vpon that Trade in worke, to the great preiudice and hinderance of her Maiesties good and louing Subjects, and consequently to the generall harne of the Realme, the number of these Broggers, Ingrossers and woollgatherers being growen to so excessive a multitude: These are in her Maiesties name by vertue hereof to will and require you, That you her Maiesties Iustices of Peace, and all other her Officers, and euery of you to whom it may appertaine, or within whose Liberties it shall happen, to call all such persons before you, as shall from time to time be complained of vnto you, to haue bought, sold, offered to sell or transport any maner of woolls contrary to the said Statute, or shall contemptuously abuse, or any wayes withstand any that are or shal be lawfully licensed to buy and sell woolls, notwithstanding the said Statute, their Deputies or Seruants, and them and euery of them (as they shall bee brought before you or any of you) by vertue of these our Letters, and the place you serue in, straightly to examine, and if any person or persons be found culpable therein, then to binde all such to their good behauiours, vlesse they shall desist from such their dealings, & conforme themselves to her Maiesties Lawes, and withall to certifie her Maiesties Attorney generall of the names of euery such offenders, that shall not so conforme himselfe, whereby they may be proceeded with according to the Lawes, and according to the nature of so high a contempt. And hereof faile you not, as you and euery of you will ansivere the contrary at your perils. From the Court at Grenewich the eight and twentieth day of Iune, in the xliii. yeere of her Maiesties Raigne.

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